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THE "AM" LESSON 12

In John 15:1-8 Jesus again uses a parable which was based on their familiarity of their natural surroundings. They had grown grape vineyards for centuries, so when he speaks of vines and fruit, they "get it."

Jesus said in John 15:1, ***"I AM the true vine, and my Father (Jahh) is the husbandman [vine dresser]."*** Then in verse 5 he said, ***"I AM the vine, and ye are the branches."*** In verses 2 and 4 he tells us that as his branches, we are to produce fruit. In verse 6 he said that unfruitful branches would be cast off and burned.

God created us. He is our source of life. Jesus is the vine that produces life. Jesus is our source of life. Jesus spoke all creation into existence, and he spoke us (`adam) into existence also.

The vine produces branches, many `adams. Our life is in him (as his branches), and his life is in us eternally. If, however, we are unfruitful, namely by rejecting him and the life given by him, we are cut off eternally and cast into the fire [vs. 6] of hell.

Jesus said in verse 8, ***"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit [souls abiding in Christ], so shall ye be my disciples."***

The fruit of a believer is to produce more believers. They become our fruit. Our fruit comes as we [the branches] draw our life from the Vine, The Great I AM, Jesus Christ.

Without the I AM of salvation (Yeshuah) there is no life eternal (age enduring).